Production of Rifampicin

148. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the companies allowed to produce Rifampicin alongwith the capacity allowed to each;

(b) what is the stage from which manufacture of Rifampicin has been allowed to each company ;

(c) what was the production of each company during the last two years ;

(d) what is the price per kg. fixed by his Ministry for indigenous production ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the present CIF price per kg. of Rifampicin is around 150$ and foreign exchange involved in the production is around 200$;

(f) what is the total foreign exchange loss on this drug per year ;

(g) whether it is also a fact that there is neither customs duty on Rifampicin nor on the penultimate ; and

(h) if so, what is the total extra amount being paid by consumers per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) Details of companies who have been granted approvals for the production of Rifampicin are given below :—

Name of the Company	Capacity (Tons)
1. LETTERS FINTENT	
1. Shri Arun K. Mittal	15·00
2. M/s. Cadila Labs. . .	10·00
3. M/s. Alembic Chemicals .	20·00
4. M/s. Themis Pharmaceuticals	1·00
5. M/s. H.A.L. . . .	15·50
6. M/s. SOL Pharma. . .	50·00

(Above mentioned Letters of Intent are yet to be converted into Industrial Licence).

II. Registration under the scheme of delicensing :

1. M|s. Lupin Labs. 50.00

(b) The stage of manufacture of Rifampicin allowed in respect of Letters of Intent is basic fermentation stage. However, in case of Registration under scheme of delicensing, stage of manufacture will be decided after finalization of norms for phased manufacturing programme.

(c) The parties holding Letters of Intent can commence production only after conversion of Letter of Intent into Industrial Licence. Only M|s Lupin Labs, who hold Registration under De-licensing Registration Scheme (DLR Scheme) have reported production of 35.97MT of Rifampicin during 1986-87. One Small Scale unit namely M|s. Synth Rifa also have reported production as follows:—

Year	Production (MT)
1985-86	3.66
1986-87	12.70* (Provisional)

(d) The price of Rifampicin for indigenous production has been fixed as Rs. 3000|- kg. by the Government.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(e), (f) and (h) The international price are subject to great degree of fluctuation. This Department does not monitor the international prices.

Vacancies of Judges in Courts

149. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts of judges are being vacant in the Supreme Court and the